reaction of Government and steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir. The press report in Indian Express is dated 20th December, 1993.

(b) to (d) Drugs Controller (India) has granted permission to Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow for limited phase-I clinical trial of two constituents of Brahmi *viz.*, Bacosite 'A' and 'B' to evaluate safety and tolerance of the Drug. Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) have reported that active preparation from Brahmi developed by Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow is likely to take at least three years for marketing.

(e) No such proposal has been received in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Link Women scheme in A.P.

292. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of women selected in Andhra Pradesh under link women scheme under National Family Welfare Programme; and

(b) what is the impact of the link women scheme on National Family Welfare Programme in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) "Link Women Scheme" is not in operation during 1993-94. the Scheme was not implemented in Andhra Pradesh.

Laproscopes in PHCs of Andhra Pradesh

293. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Primary Health Centres in Andhra Pradesh which are having facilities for Laproscopes/ Laparactors for undertaking sterilization;

(b) whether there is any proposal to supply Laproscopes/Laparactors in all Primary Health Centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) As intimated by the Government of Andhra Pradesh there are no facilities in Primary Health Centres for undertaking Laparoscopic sterilization.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Copper-T Insertions

294. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target fixed for copper-T 200-B insertions during 1992-93;

(b) what was the achievement;

(c) whether any afforts have been made for improving this system of contraception; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Target for IUD insertions: 63,84,450.

(b) Achievement: 46,83,347.

(c) and (d) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has laid down standards for Cu T-200 B.

All Cu.T 200-B being manufactured indigenously are tested at Biomedical Research Unit, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.

Skill based training programme in IUD insertions are funded by the Central Government for training of M.O.S and female para-medical workers. Human